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WHEN SCIENCE-GEEK PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE". AFTER YEARS OF BARELY GETTING BY AND MOONLIGHTING AS SPIDER-MAN, PETER HAS LIVED UP TO HIS POTENTIAL AND FORMED HIS OWN COMPANY PARKER INDUSTRIES, WITH OFFICES AROUND THE WORLD.

RECENTLY, SPIDER-MAN AND THE REST OF THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY TURNED BACK AN ALIEN INVASION THANKS TO THE PRECOGNITIVE VISION OF A NEW INHUMAN, NAMED ULYSSES. BUT LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT ULYSSES AND A DEBATE IS FORMING REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT HIS VISIONS SHOULD BE TRUSTED AND USED.

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MANHATTAN.

I KILLED THE ALARMS! HOW'D HE FIND US? ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE IN, LIKE, *CHINA* NOW?

DOESN'T MATTER! WE PRACTICED FOR THIS! *VULTURIONS-- DEATHWING FORMATION!*

REALLY? YOU UPGRADE YOUR GEAR AND YOU'RE STILL GOING WITH "VULTURIONS"? PRO TIP, GUYS-- NOBODY LIKES A DERIVATIVE SHTICK.

PHUT

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YEAH? TELL THE *FORTY* OTHER SPIDER-PEOPLE.

AAGH!

SHKTT

TOUCHÉ. I'LL CLARIFY.

MMFF!

THWIP

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THWAP

NO ONE LIKES A *BAD* DERIVATIVE SHTICK.

LOOK OUT!

NO! MAINTAIN FORMATION! YOU IDIOTS--

--DO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING MYSELF?

BRNCHH

HERE! ONE DART AND HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
OPEN FIRE! YOU CAN'T MISS!
PHUT PHUT
I'M COUNTING ON IT.
SPANG SPANG
SHTK
AGH!
AH, HELL, WE DARTED HONCHO! HE NEEDS THE ANTIDOTE OR HE'S GONNA DIE!
HIS NAME'S "HONCHO." IT'S A MERCY KILLING.
I'M OUTTA HERE. SPIDER-MAN STILL CAN'T FLY.
TRUE.
THWIP
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO.

WHABAMMM

YOINK!

LOOK-- UNGH!

AKK!

PULL THESE TWO IN SO THEY DON'T FALL TO THEIR DEATHS...

...AAAAND HERE'S THE ANTIDOTE!

I'VE GOT MY OWN GENERAL ANTITOXIN, BUT THIS IS BETTER. INJECT HONCHO...

NAME LIKE THAT, I'D TURN TO CRIME, TOO.

...AND LEAVE 'EM WEBBED UP FOR THE COPS. PITHY NOTE OPTIONAL.

SO, ULYSSES...

...WE LEARN ANYTHING FROM ALL THAT?

YEAH. YOUR JOB *SUCKS*, DUDE.

TWO HOURS EARLIER.

THE BAXTER BUILDING.
FORMER HOME OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.
NOW THE MANHATTAN HEADQUARTERS OF PARKER INDUSTRIES.

=YAWWNN=

MAN, THAT SHANGHAI-TO-MANHATTAN FLIGHT WIPES ME OUT. NO IDEA HOW GUYS WITHOUT SPIDER-POWERS DO IT.

BUT SINCE I *DO* HAVE POWERS, ONE QUICK DISCO NAP AND I'LL BE FRESH AS A DAISY. WHICH COMES IN HANDY FOR BOTH CEOS AND SUPER HEROES.

GUH. BRAIN'S MUSH. CAN'T WAIT TO COLLAPSE INTO BED AND ENJOY THE SWEET, SWEET SILENCE...

AAHHH!

AAHHH!

LIGHTS! WHO-- *JOHNNY STORM?*

PETE? WASN'T EXPECTING YOU FOR A COUPLE MORE HOURS.

SO YOU DECIDED TO PULL A GOLDILOCKS IN *MY BED?*

I WAS TIRED! YOU SAID I'M WELCOME ANY TIME! AND--AND THIS USED TO BE MY HOUSE!

WHY ARE YOU NAKED?

I'M HOT-NATURED! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN SLEEP!

TAKE THAT PILLOW OFF YOUR JUNK! I PUT MY HEAD ON THAT!

FINE. *YOU'RE* THE ONE WITH BODY-SHAMING ISSUES, NOT ME.

YES. I HAVE MANY, MANY ISSUES. SO IF YOU COULD GET DRESSED, OR FLAME ON, OR SOMETHING--

MAN, YOU ARE SUCH A PRUDE. BETTER?

I'LL RESERVE JUDGMENT 'TIL YOU TELL ME WHY YOU'RE HERE.

DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT. THIS IS YOUR NIGHT WITH *ULYSSES.*

KID WITH INHUMAN GENES WHO PREDICTS THE FUTURE? YOU MET HIM AT TONY STARK'S PARTY. HE SPARKED SOME... *CONTROVERSY* OVER HOW WE SHOULD USE HIM.

YOU WANTED TO HANG WITH HIM, TAKE HIS TEMPERATURE, AND SINCE I'M TIGHT WITH THE INHUMANS--

SORRY, RIGHT. I REMEMBER... THE INHUMANS ARE BRINGING HIM OVER. WHEN'S THE ROYAL FAMILY GETTING HERE?

FWAASHH

NOW.

HELLO, SPIDER-MAN. IT SEEMS YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET A FIRSTHAND EXAMPLE OF THE ACCURACY OF ULYSSES' VISIONS.

AS IN I JUST HAD ONE.

WHICH WAY IS *CHINATOWN?*

NOW.

SORRY WE GOT SIDETRACKED, ULYSSES.

NO PROBLEM. THAT WAS KINDA AWESOME! SO YOU JUST SWING AROUND 'TIL YOU FIND TROUBLE?

IT'S NOT QUITE THAT RANDOM. I HAVE A... *SPIDER-SENSE* THAT GOES OFF WHEN THERE'S DANGER.

HOLD UP--*YOU* CAN PREDICT THINGS, TOO?

FOOD MARKET

La Sierra groceria OPEN 7 DAYS

NOT LIKE YOU. IT'S MORE IMMEDIATE...I GET MAYBE SECONDS TO REACT. TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO REALLY GET USED TO IT.

WHICH IS WHY I WANTED TO GET YOU STARTED EARLY. UNDERSTANDING YOUR POWERS...AND THE *RESPONSIBILITY* THAT COMES WITH THEM.

IF I'D KNOWN MORE WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, MAYBE I COULD'VE... MAYBE...

OH, GOD!

YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU SAW A GHOST.

WORSE.

THAT'S THE GUY FROM MY VISION. DOWN THERE, IN THE JACKET.

HE'S GOING TO MURDER TWO PEOPLE.

MARKET

La Sierra groceria OPEN 7 DAYS

YOU'RE SURE?

I SAW IT. SMELLED THE GUNPOWER... THE BLOOD.

A MAN AND A WOMAN. HE'S GOING TO SHOOT THEM.

SEE, THIS IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET MORE DETAILS ON. HOW DO YOU KNOW THESE VISIONS AREN'T AFFECTED BY, LIKE, PERSONAL PREJUDICES?

YOU DO KNOW I'M HISPANIC, TOO, RIGHT?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

IT'D BE ONLY NATURAL TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS JUST BECAUSE HE'S BIG. AND SCARY LOOKING.

AND KIND OF TWITCHY, AND IS WEARING A COAT WHEN IT'S HOT OUT.

OKAY. WE'LL FOLLOW HIM.

THIS GETS LESS AWESOME AND MORE TERRIFYING EVERY TIME WE DO IT...

SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY...

BARAAM

EEEE!

ON THE GROUND!

NOW!

YOU FIRST.

WHROK

OH, NO YOU DON'T!

I GOT HIS GUN! YOU SEE THAT? WE TOTALLY HAD A TEAM-UP!

YEAH, GOOD HUSTLE, ULYSSES. BUT WAIT 'TIL KARNAK'S TAUGHT YOU MORE MARTIAL ARTS BEFORE YOU TACKLE *OTHER* BAD GUYS. I TOLD JOHNNY I WOULDN'T BREAK YOU.

OH MY GOD! THAT'S MY EX, I HAVE A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST HIM!

HE--HE WAS GOING TO *KILL* US!

IF YOU'D SHOWN UP TWO SECONDS LATER--

IT'S A MIRACLE YOU GOT HERE IN TIME!

IT KINDA WAS, HUH?

THE BAXTER BUILDING

OKAY, GOOD MEETING. YOUR HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE. I LIKE YOU.

BUT I ***WORRY*** ABOUT YOU, TOO. I KNOW YOU DON'T JUST SEE THESE VISIONS, YOU EXPERIENCE THEM. THAT MUST BE TOUGH ON YOU.

I'M MANAGING. IT USED TO BE A LOT WORSE. KARNAK TAUGHT ME SOME MEDITATION TECHNIQUES... HELPED ME STEP BACK FROM IT. LIKE WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A DREAM.

SOMETIMES I STILL HAVE A BAD ONE. WAKE UP SCREAMING. THAT'S THE WORST OF IT.

ESPECIALLY 'CAUSE MR. STORM COMES RUNNING IN, AND HE'S USUALLY NAKED.

HE'S HOT-NATURED.

I HEAR.

LOOK, IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY TOMORROW, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO COME TO WORK WITH ME?

AT PARKER INDUSTRIES? SURE! WILL MR. PARKER BE THERE? I'M A BIG FAN. HIS WEBWARE'S LEGIT.

HE'S... TRAVELING. BUT YOU'LL SEE WHERE THEY MAKE IT. AND I WANT TO SHOW YOU A WAY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THE WORLD YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF...

THE NEXT DAY.

IT'S... AMAZING!

GOOD ADJECTIVE.

I MEAN, THE INHUMANS' SCIENCE IS IMPRESSIVE, BUT IT'S PRACTICALLY ALIEN. THIS IS, LIKE, WHERE THE *FUTURE* GETS MADE!

NOT A BAD SLOGAN. YOU COULD HAVE A PROMISING CAREER IN P.R., KIDDO.

OR IN ALL OF THIS. FOR EVERY PROJECT THAT MAKES IT TO MARKET, DOZENS GO NOWHERE.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE COULD SAVE MONEY AND MAN-HOURS BY NOT RUNNING DOWN DEAD ENDS, AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON WHAT'S MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED.

FOR OUR MEDICAL AND SECURITY DIVISIONS, THAT LITERALLY TRANSLATES INTO SAVING LIVES. MORE THAN YOU EVER WILL BY STOPPING A BANK ROBBERY.

I--I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT.

BUT I HAVEN'T EVEN GRADUATED COLLEGE. I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SCIENCE OR...OR ENGINEERING--

NOT SURE IF YOU'RE AN EXPERT ON TECTONIC PLATES, BUT I KINDA DOUBT IT. AND YOU'VE PREDICTED TWO EARTHQUAKES ALREADY, RIGHT?

YOU SERIOUSLY THINK A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD HIRE ME?

NOT MY CALL. BUT I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO THE GUY WHOSE CALL IT IS.

LET'S KEEP THE WHOLE INHUMAN THING ON THE DOWN LOW FOR NOW... I PROMISED JOHNNY.

HEY, SPIDEY! GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD.

MAN'S GOTTA HAVE A REAL BAGEL EVERY SO OFTEN.

HARRY OSBOR--*UH*, LYMAN, MEET ULYSSES. HE'S...A CANDIDATE FOR OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. PETE ASKED ME TO SHOW HIM AROUND.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU. IF PETER'S TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST, YOU MUST HAVE SOME PRETTY IMPRESSIVE TALENTS.

UM, I GUESS SO.

WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR? CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE?

I'M...STILL DECIDING?

HEY! THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IT'S IMPORTANT YOU MEET INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT THIS.

ULYSSES, THIS IS CLAYTON COLE. THE FOREMOST EXPERT ON SONICS WHO ISN'T A LUNATIC SUPER VILLAIN.

ANYMORE. HI.

OH, COME ON. YOU WERE NEVER A LUNATIC.

NO, JUST AN IDIOT. BUT YOU AND MR. PARKER GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO KEEP MY STUPID DECISIONS FROM RUINING MY LIFE. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

HEY, DID I HEAR YOU MIGHT BE INTERNING HERE? WANNA SEE WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON?

YOU KNOW IT! IS THIS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?

IT IS INDEED. THE LONG-PROMISED *FLYING CAR.*

WHAT'S HELD IT BACK WASN'T THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY--S.H.I.E.L.D.'S HAD IT FOR YEARS. IT WAS SAFETY. THE HIGHER RISK OF CRASHING.

BUT I'M WORKING ON A SONIC-BASED SYSTEM THAT'D DETECT WHEN YOU'RE ON A DANGEROUS PATH, AND THE CAR'S A.I. WOULD AUTOMATICALLY MOVE IT OUT OF THE WAY.

SEEMS LIKE A GOOD KID. SERIOUS. WHEN I WAS HIS AGE, ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS GIRLS, MOTORCYCLES, AND GROWING A TRULY TRAGIC MUSTACHE.

PETE'S SHOWN ME PICTURES. YOU'RE UNDERSELLING IT.

PETE AND I HAD OUR BURDENS. PETE'S UNCLE... MY DRUG PROBLEM... AND, NOT TO IGNORE THE GOBLIN IN THE ROOM, MY PUMPKIN-BOMBING DAYS.

AND IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN THAT LONG. BUT I FEEL LIKE, IN A LOT OF WAYS, KIDS TODAY CARRY A HEAVIER LOAD THAN WE EVER DID.

YOU MIGHT NOT BE WRONG.

EVERYTHING OKAY?

YEAH. I JUST REMEMBERED... WE'VE GOT THAT THING.

OH, RIGHT. THE TELE-CONFERENCE WITH PARKER.

DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THAT. FEEL FREE TO USE HIS OFFICE.

NICE MEETING YOU, ULYSSES.

GOOD LUCK WITH EVERYTHING.

YEAH. THANKS.

SAME TO YOU GUYS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DID YOU HAVE A--

A VISION. I...YEAH. YEAH.

HOW BAD? SHOULD I CALL THE AVENGERS?

NO. THIS IS...MORE FOR YOU.

YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, NOT EVERYTHING I SEE COMES TRUE.

I MEAN, ALMOST ALL OF IT DOES, BUT--

HEY. IT'S OKAY. WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL DEAL WITH IT. JUST TELL ME.

WELL... THAT GUY I MET...

HE'S GONNA GO BAD. HE'S GONNA PUT ON A COSTUME AND FIGHT YOU.

OH.

OH, MAN, HARRY...YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD...

"HARRY"?

NO-- I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT HIM.

THE OTHER GUY. CLAYTON SOMETHING.

IS, UH...

...IS THERE ANY REASON YOU CAN THINK OF WHY HE'D DO THAT?

TO BE CONTINUED!

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